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To the AUTHOR *of the* UNIVERSAL SPECTATOR.

SIR,

THE Town has been a conſiderable Time amus'd with Advertiſements of both Sexes in regard to their Deſire of entering into the State of Matrimony. This Churchill, Brother to John Duke of Marlborough, by whom he had one Son, who died in his Infancy. His Lordſhip leaving no Iſſue his Honour and Eſtate devolve to Willoughby Bertie, Eſq; eldeſt Son of —— Bertie, Eſq; who repreſented the County of Middleſex in ſeveral Parliaments with Honour and Integrity.

Laſt Week died, at her Lodgings in New Bond-Street, the Counteſs of Caſtlehaven, Relict of James Touchet, Baron Audley of Heleigh, and Earl of Caſtlehaven in the Kingdom of Ireland, whoſe Anceſtor was ſummoned to Parliament the 28th of Edward I. and created Earl the 14th of James I.

Laſt Week died, at his Living in Northamptonſhire, greatly lamented, the Rev. Mr. Frederick Reynolds. As far as my Intelligence reaches I have ſent ſome Account of them.

The *new Humoriſts*, call'd the *Advertiſers*, are ingenious Perſons, whoſe Taſte is to enjoy a Jeſt of their own making in ſecret, and hug themſelves with the Pleaſure of ſetting the Town into a *Surprize* by their Quaintneſs. Over an Evening Bottle theſe little Eſſays to the Public are drawn up, and *Maids* and *Widows* are ſet up to *Auction*, with ſome ſevere Reflection on what Choice they wou'd make of a *Huſband*: —— How many *Feet* high —— What colour'd *Hair* —— How broad his *Shoulders*—— How *Old*, are Articles ſpecially mention'd.——But whether a *Highwayman* or a Man of *Character*, ——— a *Fool*, or an *honeſt ſenſible Man*, is never made a Queſtion. —— This is deem'd as ſevere a Satire on *Women* as any in *Juvenal*; the Morning theſe *Mimus*'s are to have their *Sarcaſms* appear in Print, they run from every Coffee-Houſe of Note between *Charing-Croſs* and the *Exchange*, ſit down tacitly over their Tea or Chocolate, and liſten with Eagerneſs to what Sentiments are given on their Productions; the more Variety of *Opinions* they hear the more *Joy* they feel; and if they meet with an old *libidinous Fellow*, making explanatory Comments upon their Text, 'tis the Height of their Pleaſure.——— As theſe *public Wits* are now thought to be very *dull Rogues*, the *Fair Sex* have nothing to fear from their *Satire* without they add *Malice* to it by *deſcribing Perſons* with thoſe polite Turns of *Wit*——*Not far from* ——ſuch a Place —— or, *within a Mile* of —— ſuch a Street.—— The laſt Obſervation is, that theſe *Wits*, like many others, get nothing by it, and the *Printer* of the *News Paper* is the only Perſon who pays any Regard to it.

The next *Society* are the *Takers-in*: Theſe, Mr. *Stonecaſtle*, are really a very numerous and dangerous Set of *Men* to all *Maidens* and *Widows* whatever, as there can be no *Guard* againſt their *Artifices*, nor any *Remedy* for the *Miſchiefs* they effect: Such a *Species* of *Mankind* ought to be deſcrib'd, as they are a *Scandal* to their own *Sex*, and the *Ruin* of the *other*.

My Readers may imagine I am going to give the *Picture* of a *Libertine Debauchee*, who ruins the *Fame* and *Innocence* of every *unheeded Creature* he can deceive; but theſe *Takers-in* have no farther View than to deprive them of their Peace of Mind, and leave them *Victims* of their *Love Triumphs*.

This *Club*, or *Society*, conſiſts only of *Batchelors*, who, by the By-Laws, are never to *marry*, and *Widowers* who are reſolv'd never to *marry again*; yet as theſe People would not be thought to diſlike the *Sex*, they paſs the chief Part of their Time among them. To paſs away that Time amuſingly, they ſelect ſome *Lady* out of one *Company* whom they viſit; another out of a different *Company*, and *End* of the *Town*; a ſimple young *unmarry'd Woman* in this Place, a jolly buxom *Widow* in the other: To theſe, and perhaps more, a *Taker-in* will make *Addreſſes* of *Love* and *Honour*, will viſit conſtantly, Vow, Sigh, Sweat, Sing, Dance, Write, and do all the Offices and Duties of a *real Lover*.——These agreeable *Devoirs* they intend only as *fruitleſs Addreſſes*, tho' they will fall at their *Miſtreſs*'s Feet, and, with the utmoſt Paſſion, deſire a reciprocal Return.——The old Foxes, the *Widowers*, do not ſay too much; only get the credulous Fair to deceive herſelf into a Belief of his *Sincerity*, becauſe ſhe thinks he cannot be leſs ſincere than herſelf.——But hear the Conſequence of this Kind of *Amours*.

As ſoon as any of theſe fallacious Gentlemen have made the Heart of a Woman ſubjected to a *Paſſion* ſhe can never rule or conquer, then their *Triumph* begins. ——They grow cool, make few *Viſits*, and even make thoſe few leſs *frequent*, drop the *Acquaintance*, and leave poor *Miſs* or *Madam* to wonder at their *Conſtancy*, and too late repent their *Credulity*.

This ambiguous Way of making *Love Addreſſes*, which they intend to be only a *Lounge*, is complicated Villainy. The robbing a *young Lady* of her *Affections* by falſe Pretences, is as bad, or worſe than a Fraud a Man may be hang'd for. The Inconvenience of the firſt is ſoon forgot, the Memory of the laſt is indelible: Their Heart is become unſuſceptible of *Love* to others, and ſhould they marry, what immenſe Chance is there but all their Life is miſerable, or at leaſt, taſteleſs and unenjoy'd.

SIR,

BY inſerting the firſt Groteſque Pictures, among many others in your *Spectatorial Collection*, you will inform your *Country Readers* what *Beobies* we have in *London*, and by the laſt, what *Scoundrels* beſides, and oblige,

Your old Friend,

THOMAS REMARK.

As a Sequel Deſcription to this diſhonourable *Set* of *Men*, Mr. *Remark* would have been of great Service to the *Sex* had his Intelligence reach'd to have given any genuine Account of the *Club* of *Fortune-Hunters*. I have receiv'd many Hints from near St. *Dunſtan's* and *G——r——'s*, but I am not certain of their Authority; whenever I have been undoubtedly aſſur'd, I ſhall not be timorous in the leaſt to attack them, point out their *Dreſſes*, their *Liveries*, and *Chariot*—— when, where, and on what Occaſion us'd: In ſhort, I will give them no more Quarter than the *Great Cenſor* of *Briton* did to the *Gameſters*; nor will —— be a more formidable Place to me, than *White*'s to him.

To Mr. STONECASTLE.

GOOD SIR,

I Am a young Citizen, who having thought it a proper Time to make Matrimonial Addreſſes, have, by her Parents Leave, courted a Neighbour's Daughter. As my Buſineſs is genteel, I dreſs decently gay, yet never run into the Extravagance of any Faſhion. The other Afternoon I drank Tea with my *Celia* and another Lady: For a long Time I obſerv'd her Eyes traverſing all over my Perſon, from Foot to Head; I cou'd not imagine the Meaning; but at laſt ſhe ſaid—*Dear me, Mr. Lutestring, how can you be ſuch a Sloven? What hideous large Buckles, and all over undreſs'd.*—— *If I am to have ſuch a Gallant; what a Huſband he will prove?*——Surpriz'd; I aſk'd how ſhe wou'd have me dreſs:——By my Brother's Mode—— anſwers my Lady fair:——Now her Brother is one of the greateſt *Coxcombs* in *England*; and whoſe Dreſs is a Medley of Foppery.——

Is it worth while to turn *Coxcomb* to turn *Huſband*?

JOHN PLAIN.

To Mr. JOHN PLAIN.

SIR,

TAKE Care; if *Celia* loves fine Dreſs, ſhe loves fine Company; and if ſhe makes you a *Coxcomb* before Marriage, (take Care) ſhe may not a *Cuckold* afterwards.

The UNIVERSAL SPECTATOR.

Through this Paper my Readers have ſeen only, what I may call the wrong Side of Man and Woman; but in Return, as I have receiv'd a Letter from an *old Batchelor*, which challenges me to give him a Deſcription of both the Sexes, where they appear in any *agreeable Light*—*Milton's* Deſcription of our firſt Parents muſt ſilence our *Querift*.

Two of far nobler Shape erect and tall,
Godlike, erect, with Native Honour clad
In naked Majeſty ſeem'd Lords of all,
And worthy ſeem'd, for in their Looks Divine,
The Image of their glorious Image ſhone.
Truth, Wiſdom, Sanctitude, ſevere and pure;
Severe, but in true filial Wiſdom plac'd.
For Contemplation he and Valour fam'd,
For Softneſs ſhe, and ſweet attractive Grace:
He for *God* only, ſhe for *God* in him
His fair large Front and Eye ſublime declar'd
Abſolute; and Hyacinthan Locks
Round from his parted Forelock manly hung
Cluſtring; but not beneath his Shoulders broad:
She, as a Veil, down to her ſlender Waiſt
Her unadorned Golden Treſſes wore
Diſhevel'd, but in wanton Ringlets wav'd,
So paſs'd they naked on, nor ſhun'd the Sight
Of God or Angel; for they thought no Ill.
So *Hand* in *Hand* they paſs'd, the loveliеſt Pair
That ever ſince in *Love's Embraces* met.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Petersbourg, June 4. The 31ſt paſt a Courier arriv'd from Abo, with Diſpatches from General Romanzow, and General Lubras, importing, 'That the Swediſh 'Plenipotentiaries had declar'd that they were authorized to ſign the Preliminary Articles of Peace 'according to the Plan that had been ſhewn them, on 'Condition that the Reſtitution of the Province of 'Nyland were included therein; but that they were 'order'd to break off the Conferences and retire, in 'caſe that Article was refuſ'd.' Our Plenipotentiaries have demanded, by the ſame Courier, Inſtructions how to behave on this Occaſion. The 2d Inſtant that Courier was ſent back to Abo, charg'd with certain Modifications in the Article relating to the Reſtitution of the Province of Nyland.

Stockholm, June 14. We wait impatiently for an Expreſs from Abo with favourable Diſpatches concerning a Peace with Ruſſia: In hopes of this, it has been reſolv'd to proceed the 17th Inſtant to the Election of a Succeſſor to the Crown, and it is thought it will fall on the Duke of Holſtein, Biſhop of Lubeck.

Venice, June 13. According to Letters from Conſtantinople of the 4th of May, a Courier was arriv'd there with the News, that Thamas Kouli-Kan had enter'd the Province of Turcomania with a third Part of his Army; that he had defeated ſeveral Detachments of Turkiſh Troops that attempted to oppoſe his Paſſage; that he afterwards took the City of Cars, and laid the whole Province under Contribution. Since the Receipt of that Courier, others arriv'd from the Baſhaw of Turcomania, demanding a Supply of Troops and Money; but the Porte having great Need of both, to put the adjacent Provinces in a Poſture of Defence, ſent that Baſhaw only Part of the Money he writ for, ſignifying to him at the ſame time, that he muſt pick up in his Government as many Troops as poſſible, in order to make Head againſt the Enemy, until they are able to ſend him a larger Body. The Porte's Finances being in great Diſorder, a Tax has been laid upon the Greek Clergy, in Proportion to the Number of their Churches in Conſtantinople and Places adjacent. The Biſhop of Sophia dying lately, the Miniſtry, upon divers Pretences, ſeiz'd upon his Succeſſion, among which there were 200 Purſes in ready Money. The Ferment among the People of Conſtantinople gives the Porte a great deal of Uneaſineſs. The Malecontents, whoſe Numbers appear to be very conſiderable, have dropt Papers about the Town, and even in the Seraglio, inviting People to depoſe the Grand Signor and his Miniſters. The Grand Vizir, in order to hinder this Spirit of Mutiny from ſpreading among the Troops, has again caus'd about 50 of the Seditious to be taken up in the Night, who were immediately ſtrangled, and their Bodies found ſcatter'd about the Streets next Morning.

Genoa, June 3. The Dutcheſs of Modena, to prevent the Galleys deſign'd to conduct her into Provence from being expos'd to any Inconvenience from the Engliſh Squadron, demanded a Paſſport of Admiral Mathews; but the Admiral's Anſwer was, *That a Princeſs of her Birth and Rank had no need of a Paſſport: That the Galleys upon which ſhe was imbark'd ſhould neither be retarded nor interrupted in their Paſſage by the Engliſh Squadron: And that if her Sereno Highneſs would chuſe to make Uſe of one of the Ships of his Squadron to carry her, he ſhould think himſelf highly honour'd thereby.*

Dreſden, June 15. The King having been invited by the Empreſs of Ruſſia and the King of Great Britain to take Part in the Defenſive Treaty of Alliance concluded between their Imperial and Britannick Majeſties the 22d of December laſt, his Majeſty has determin'd to accede to it, and has caus'd the two Courts to be made acquainted with his Intentions.

Breſlau, June 15. We have receiv'd Advice from Prague, that the Queen of Hungary has deliver'd, in due Form, the Act whereby the Dutchy of Sileſia and the County of Glatz are declar'd independent of the Crown of Bohemia, and that the ſaid Act has been regiſter'd in the Regiſters of that Kingdom: So that the laſt Clauſe which was wanting in the Execution of the Treaty of Breſlau is now fulfill'd.

Worms, June 17. There are no Troops left in this Neighbourhood, except a few Regiments of Swiſs, diſtributed along the Rhine; but it is ſaid that they are to march ſpeedily for the Moſelle, where the French talk of forming a new Army. We are aſſured that Marſhal Noailles's Train of Artillery conſiſts of above 100 Pieces of Battering Cannon, beſides a great Number of Field Pieces.

Francfort, June 23. The King of Great Britain has fix'd his Head Quarters in the Caſtle of Aſchaffenbourg. A few Days ſince the Earl of Stair croſs'd the Main, eſcorted by 30 Troopers, in order to reconnoitre a Body of French poſted on that Side: A Party of the latter, conſiſting of about 50 Men, having iſſu'd out of a Wood, attack'd the Earl's Eſcorte, kill'd two of the Troopers, and dangerouſly wounded his Aid de Camp, Mr. Littleton, in the Thigh; the Earl himſelf had a narrow Eſcape, a Muſket Bullet having gone through his Hat. The French Party then fled into the Wood, and the Earl would not ſuffer his Men to purſue them, as there was Reaſon to judge that they wanted to draw him into an Ambuſh. His Britannick Majeſty has ſignified to the Earl of Stair, in the moſt obliging Terms, that he would do him a great deal of Pleaſure in not expoſing his Perſon on ſuch Occaſions, but to reſerve it for more important ones.

The Marſhal Duke de Noailles has remov'd his Head Quarters to Babenhauſen. A Detachment of his Army has taken Poſſeſſion of the Poſt of Worth on the Main, four Leagues above Aſchaffenbourg; by which Means the French ſtop all the Barks that come down that River with Proviſions and Forage for the Allies; but the Paſſage is free from this City up the Main.

Ulm, June 22. The 15th Inſtant the Body of Troops, commanded by the Count de Segur, join'd Marſhal Broglio's Army near Donawerth.

Auſbourg, June 21. The Imperial Army under Count Seckendorff left the Neighbourhood of Ingolſtadt the 14th Inſtant, and encamp'd the 16th near Donawerth.

Ratisbon, June 20. General Baroniai, whom Prince Charles of Lorrain left before Straubingen with a Body of 4000 Men, began the 11th Inſtant to throw Bombs and red hot Cannon Balls into the Town, and continued the ſame the two following Days. The 14th two thouſand Hungarians were order'd to aſſault one of the Works of the Place; but the Garriſon ply'd them ſo well with their Artillery and ſmall Arms, that they were forced to retreat with Loſs. General Baroniai left off battering the Town on the 16th.

Hague, June 25. According to Letters from Peterſbourg General Keith, who commands in Finland, ſent out a Squadron of Gallies from Abo, to make a new Attempt upon the Iſland of Aland, but they were forced to put into Port again by contrary Winds.

Lisbon, June 1. We hear from Cadiz, that a Fire happen'd there laſt Week at his Catholick Majeſty's Arſenal of the Caracca, which was however attended with leſs fatal Conſequences than were to be apprehended. Three of the Magazines were burnt to the Ground, with all the Stores that were therein, computed at 15 or 16,000 l. Sterling. As the Fire broke out in two of them at the ſame time, it is ſuſpected to have been ſet to them on Purpoſe; and had not M. Pintado, who is the Admiral commanding at Cadiz, with the Intendant, immediately gone thither to encourage the Workmen employ'd in extinguiſhing the Flames before they got to a further Head, the whole Arſenal, it is thought, would have been deſtroy'd. The laſt Letters from Gibraltar adviſe, that the Plague in Barbary ſtill continues, preventing all Communication between that Country and the Garriſon; and that his Britannick Majeſty's Ship the Garland was in the Bay preparing to proceed for England with the Spaniſh Regiſter Ship, Santa Roſa, under her Convoy.

From the Paris A-la-main, June 26.

A Report is ſpread here that a Peace is concluded between the Emperor and the Queen of Hungary; but it ſeems to have no other Foundation than what is ſaid in ſome foreign News-Papers.

We are aſſur'd that the Treaty between the King of Sardinia and the Court of Madrid is concluded, and that his Sardinian Majeſty has engag'd to withdraw his Troops and leave the Spaniards a free Paſſage into Italy.

Extract of a Letter from the Camp at Ingolſtadt, dated the 15th Inſtant.

'M. de Segur has join'd us with the Detachment 'under his Command. We are uncertain whether 'we ſhall ſtay here or return to the Rhine. Prince 'Charles of Lorrain, who is advancing at the Head 'of 70,000 Men, would give us but very little Un'eaſineſs, were we not afraid of having our Commu'nication with Donawerth cut off, which we are 'juſt now inform'd is the Enemy's Deſign; So that to 'ward off this Blow, it would be neceſſary to ſend 'out a large Detachment, which would conſiderably 'weaken our Army, as it conſiſts of no more than '50,000 Combatants, and thereby expoſe us to the 'Danger of being forced in our Camp, notwithſtanding the Advantage of having the Cannon of the 'Town at our Backs.

From the Army on the Rhine, June 16. Marſhal Noailles, accompany'd by the Prince de Soubize, is juſt gone to Francfort, where the Marqueſs Deſalleurs is to meet and confer with his Excellency. Several Officers of our Troops having obtain'd Permiſſion to go to the Engliſh Camp, were receiv'd with the utmoſt Politeneſs by the Earl of Stair, who made them ſtay to dine with him.

IRELAND.

Dublin, June 11. On Sunday laſt died the Right Rev. Father in God Dr. Nicholas Forreſter, Lord Biſhop of Raphoe, who was conſecrated Biſhop of Killaloe, Nov. 17, 1714, the 1ſt of George I. in the room of the Rev. Sir Thomas Veſey, Bart. promoted to the See of Oſſory; and in 1716 he was tranſlated from Killaloe to Raphoe, in the room of the late Dr. Synge, promoted to the Archiepiſcopal See of Tuam. This Prelate was remarkable for his Piety, Virtue and Learning, and was extremely charitable to the Poor, and to all Perſons in Diſtreſs. We hear that the Right Rev. Dr. Berkeley, Biſhop of Cloyne, will be tranſlated to the See of Raphoe; and that Dr. Delany will be promoted to the Biſhoprick of Cloyne.

The ſame Day died, at Donaghmore in the County of Donegall, Sir Henry Cairnes, Bart. formerly a Banker in London, a Gentleman of an exceeding good Character.

All Accounts from the Country agree that there has not been in the Memory of Man ſo glorious a Proſpect of a plentiful Harveſt: But that Fruit of all Kinds will be ſcarce.

LONDON.

As in the *Academical* Schools Queſtions of *Philoſophy* are diſputed, ſo in the Schools of *Town Politicks*, the *Coffee-Houſes*, the moſt important Points of State are debated; a great Adept has offer'd to keep an Act of Diſputation at any Place next Monday on this Subject:

'Whether it is *political* to ſuffer in any private 'Article *Dunkirk* to be reſign'd *in Æternum* to France, 'on her guaranteeing, *in Æternum*, *Gibraltar* and 'Port-Mahon to Great Britain?

——NEGATUR.

It is ſaid that M. B——y or the Marqueſs de F——n——l——n will ſend a Caſuiſt from one of the Jeſuits College to oppoſe him. ——*But this Diſpute ſhould have been ended by* Military Logick, *at the Time there was another about a Neutral Treaty for* H——n——r.

We hear Preparations are actually making for the Departure of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Louiſa to Denmark, where ſhe is ſoon to eſpouſe the Prince Royal of that Kingdom.

The Right Hon. the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty have been pleaſed to appoint Capt. Stapleton to be Captain of the Prince of Orange, a 70 Gun Ship, and Lieutenant Lloyd to be firſt Lieutenant of the ſaid Ship.

Capt. Waller, of the Firſt Regiment of Foot-Guards, is appointed Major of Col. Laſcelles's Regiment of Foot.

Capt. Wilſon, of the ſame Regiment, is likewiſe appointed Major of a Regiment of Marines.

Laſt Week John Conyers, of Copt-Hall near Epping in Eſſex, Eſq; was choſen a Verderor in his Majeſty's Foreſt of Waltham in that County, in the room of Carew Harvey, alias Mildmay, Eſq; deceas'd.

Tueſday ended the Scrutiny for a Member of Parliament for the Borough of Southwark, when the Bailiff deferr'd the Declaration till Thurſday the 30th Inſtant.

Laſt Week Luke Benfield, Eſq; a Gentleman poſſeſs'd of a plentiful Eſtate in Norfolk, was married, at Woodbridge in Suffolk, to Mrs. Sayer, Relict of Mr. Sayer, an eminent Attorney at Laxfield in the ſaid County; an agreeable Lady with a Fortune of 6000 l.

Monday Mr. Ripley, a wealthy Norwich Factor, was married at Weſtminſter-Abbey to Miſs Suſanna

Oldham, Daughter of Mr. Oldham, an eminent Maltſter at Norwich; a beautiful young Lady with a Fortune of 4000 l.

A few Days ſince Mr. Headland, a Gentleman-Farmer at Roſt-Farm near Saffron-Waldron in Eſſex, was married at Wimbuſh in that County, to Mrs. Buck, Widow of —— Buck, of that Place, Eſq; an agreeable Lady, with a Fortune of 6000 l. This Gentleman has had four Wives, and all their Maiden Names were Lagden, tho' of different Families.

Letters from Hanover adviſe, that the Lady of the Right Hon. the Lord Carteret died there a few Days ſince.

Wedneſday ſe'nnight died at her Seat at Abinger in Surrey, the Right Hon. Katharine Counteſs of Donegall.

Thurſday ſe'nnight, about Five in the Morning, died, at his Seat at Cheſterton in Oxfordſhire, the Rt. Hon. Mountagu Venables-Bertie, Earl of Abingdon, and Baron Norris of Rycote. His Lordſhip married firſt, Anne, Daughter and Heir to Peter Venables, Baron of Kenderton, who died in the Year 1715. In the Year 1716-17 he married Mary, Daughter and ſole Heir to James Gould, of the Town of Dorcheſter, Eſq; and Widow of General Charles Churchill, Brother to John Duke of Marlborough, by whom he had one Son, who died in his Infancy. His Lordſhip leaving no Iſſue his Honour and Eſtate devolve to Willoughby Bertie, Eſq; eldeſt Son of —— Bertie, Eſq; who repreſented the County of Middleſex in ſeveral Parliaments with Honour and Integrity.

Laſt Week died, at her Lodgings in New Bond-Street, the Counteſs of Caſtlehaven, Relict of James Touchet, Baron Audley of Heleigh, and Earl of Caſtlehaven in the Kingdom of Ireland, whoſe Anceſtor was ſummoned to Parliament the 28th of Edward I. and created Earl the 14th of James I.

Laſt Week died, at his Living in Northamptonſhire, greatly lamented, the Rev. Mr. Frederick Reynolds, youngeſt Son to the Right Rev. the Lord Biſhop of Lincoln.

On Saturday died at his Seat at Edmonton, Thomas Huxley, Eſq; of Laton-Bray in Bedfordſhire, after a long and tedious Illneſs. The greateſt Part of his Eſtate, which is very conſiderable, goes to his only Brother, William Huxley, Eſq;

On Saturday laſt died, at his Houſe in Paradice-Row, Rotherhith, Mr. Jennings, an eminent Brewer, and a Perſon of very fair Character.

On Sunday laſt died, at his Houſe at Knightſbridge, Charles Brackſton, Eſq; who was Chief Maſter Cook to his Majeſty, a Place of 200 l. per Annum Salary. He will be ſucceeded by Charles Arnaud, Eſq; now attending his Majeſty abroad.

Sunday in the Afternoon died, after a few Days Illneſs, at his Lodgings in the Borough, Southwark, Mr. Proſſer, a Gentleman poſſeſs'd of an Eſtate of 400 l. per Annum in Kent, and 6000 l. in South Sea Annuities.

Monday died, at his Houſe at Lambeth, aged 102, Mr. Wills, formerly an eminent Maltſter at Wandſworth; but having acquir'd a handſome Fortune prudently retir'd from Buſineſs.

Tueſday died at his Houſe in Barbican, Mr. Parker, an eminent and wealthy Laceman, late one of the Common-Council-Men of Aldersgate-Ward, which he reſign'd ſome Months ſince, on Account of his ill State of Health.

On Tueſday died Mr. Iliff, Attorney, in Throgmorton-ſtreet, Veſtry Clerk of St. Peter le Poor, in Broad-ſtreet.

The ſame Day died, after a long Illneſs, Mr. Johnſon, many Years Maſter of the French School at Clapton, near Hackney.

They write from Aubery in Wilts, that on Wedneſday ſe'nnight as Mr. Gale, a Farmer near that Town, was driving a Cart laden with Hay to his Houſe, it overturn'd, by which Accident he was thrown into a Ditch, with the Load upon him, and kill'd on the Spot. He was reckon'd worth 8000 l.

The Rev. Mr. Carr of Twickenham, is preſented by the Dean and Canons of Windſor, to the Living of Riſlip near Uxbridge.

Tueſday a Diſpenſation paſs'd the Great Seal to enable the Rev. William Pitman, D. D. to hold the Vicarage of Keriſworth, in the County of Hertford and Dioceſe of Lincoln, together with the Rectory

Monday Morning one Stevens, a Servant at the Swan Brewhouſe in Whitechapel, had the Misfortune to fall into a Copper of boiling Liquor, and ſcalded himſelf in ſuch a manner, that though he was inſtantly taken out, and carried to the London Infirmary, where he died the next Day.

Tueſday ſe'nnight as Mr. Bagnell, a Glazier at Oxford, was riding home from Woodſtock, he was attack'd by a ſingle Highwayman, who robb'd him of 14 s. turn'd his Horſe looſe, and made off towards Woodſtock; to which Place Mr. Bagnell follow'd him, and took him at an Inn there without the leaſt Reſiſtance, tho' the Rogue had ſeveral loaded Piſtols about him; ſoon after the Women obſerving the Highwayman to be a handſomer Man than Mr. Bagnell declar'd in his Favour, and were for ſeizing the Proſecutor inſtead of the Thief; but ſome Men coming to his Aſſiſtance the Offender was ſecur'd and carry'd to Oxford, and laſt Saturday committed to the Caſtle there.

Thurſday Night laſt Week ſome Rogues attempted to rob Mr. Harris, a Scowerer, in Lemon-Street, Goodman's-Fields, by throwing Cords, with Weights at the End of them, over his drying Poles, thinking thereby to have pull'd the Cloaths down; but one of the Poles falling upon the Penthouſe alarm'd the Family, and Mr. Harris going to the Window, the Thieves made off without ſtaying to take ſo much as their Cord with them, which the Scowerer deſir'd they wou'd come back for, telling them that in a little Time they wou'd have need of ſuch a Thing; they reply'd, that they were going to Blackwall about Buſineſs, and he ſhould hear from them when they came back, tho' we don't find they have yet been ſo good as their Words.

Thurſday ſe'nnight William Biſhop, committed by Col. De Veil, as an Evidence againſt ſome Lead-ſtealers, being re-examin'd before that Gentleman, he made an ample Diſcovery of all his Gang, and ſeveral Warrants being granted by Col. De Veil to apprehend the Offenders; three of them were taken Yeſterday, and committed by Warrants; John Hamilton, Geotge Treakle, and David Lewelling, for buying from them, with two other Receivers, not yet taken, between 2 and 3000 Wt. of Lead, at about three Farthings a Pound, the Stripping of a great Number of Houſes, amongſt which ſome belonging to his Grace the Duke of Bedford, from whence they took 1200 lb. Weight of Lead.

The ſame Day John Thomas was committed to Clerkenwell Bridewell, by the ſame Gentleman, for concealing himſelf about Eleven o'Clock the preceding Night in the Bar of Mr. William Lennon, and feloniouſly taking out of it two Caſks, containing Rum and Shrub; but being detected in attempting to carry them away, in order to make his Eſcape, he knock'd down the Miſtreſs of the Houſe in her own Entry, who being inſtantly aſſiſted, ſecur'd him with the Goods upon him.

On Saturday laſt, about Five o'Clock in the Morning, the Birmingham Stage-Coach was robb'd about two Miles from Banbury in Oxfordſhire, and an Hour after the Robbery was committed, the noted Sanſbury and his Accomplice, who have infeſted thoſe Roads, and long behav'd in a daring Manner, were taken amongſt the ſtanding Corn drunk and aſleep: They were conducted to Oxford under a ſtrong Guard, and being carry'd before the Rev. Dr. Pardoe, Principal of Jeſus College, were by him committed to the Caſtle. Sanſbury's Companion flung himſelf off his Horſe, though his Legs were cloſely chain'd under his Belly, and was dragg'd on the Ground about thirty Yards, which has bruis'd him in ſo terrible a Manner that it is thought he will not live to be hang'd.

Monday laſt Iſaac Jameſon, a Scotch Pedlar, was attack'd by two Footpads between the Green-Man on Epping-Foreſt and Stratford; who knock'd him down, took from him upwards of four Pounds in Money, ripp'd open his Pack, and took out a large Quantity of Handkerchiefs, which they carried off, leaving the poor Pedlar to ſhift for himſelf.

Laſt Saturday Walter Shepard was committed to Maidſtone Gaol, charg'd on the Oath of Mary Waldon and Suſanna Newman, with aſſaulting and ravihing them againſt their ſeveral Wills and Conſents.

Laſt Week James Mahony, a Hackney Coachman, was committed to Newgate by Col. De Veil, for aſſaulting Mr. John Delaport upon the King's Highway, wilfully and maliciouſly driving upon him with his Hackney-Coach, in a One-Horſe Chair, breaking him down, putting him in great Fear and Danger of his Life, and afterwards beating, bruiſing, and wounding him in a cruel Manner, and whipping him with his Coach-Whip till the Laſh was whip'd away, calling him a Highwayman, and threatening his Life.

On Saturday laſt Thomas Smith, a Waterman, was committed to New-Priſon by Col. De Veil, for the following Fact: He ply'd, at Salisbury-Stairs, Mr. William Smith, after which he would not ſuffer him to go into his Boat unleſs he would give him double his Fare; thereupon Mr. Smith ſtepp'd into the Boat, in order to take the Number; which the Waterman perceiving, he ſuddenly puſh'd off the Boat, and jump'd into it, and told him, he would make him pay for entering it, and immediately row'd him round and round at ſome Diſtance from the Shore; Mr. Smith ſeeing a Pair of Oars, he call'd for Help, for his Safety; but Smith the Waterman, at their Approach, immediately ſtripp'd, and ſwore no-body ſhould take him out of his Boat, and continu'd rowing him round in ſuch a manner no-body could board him, and preſently afterwards row'd Mr. Smith back (firſt rocking him in the Boat with ſuch Violence from Side to Side, that he expected every Moment ſhe would fill with Water) to the ſame Shore from whence he put off between two Lighters, in a prodigious muddy Place, and there told him, that unleſs he gave him Sixpence he ſhould wade to Shore through the Mud; but Mr. Smith was ſuccour'd by another Pair of Oars, after having been aſſaulted in the former Boat, and put in fear of his Life, and Sixpence extorted from him for fear of being ſunk or otherwiſe ill us'd.

The Betſey, Capt. Birchley, arriv'd in the Downs from Jamaica, brings Advice, that his Majeſty's Ship

the Fowey has taken a Spaniſh Ship of about 400 Tons, call'd the St. Joſeph Elias el Deſidero, Capt. Oroſco, bound from Cadiz to the Havanna and La Vera Cruz, and carry'd her into Port-Royal in that Iſland. She was full of European Goods, and is computed to be worth 150,000 l. Sterling. It is added, that his Majeſty's Ship the Rippon has taken ſeveral Spaniſh Ships, and carried them into the ſame Place.

Two ſmall Spaniſh Veſſels have been lately taken by our Cruizers in the Mediterranean, and carried to Port-Mahon; and a French Ship, with Money on board to pay the Spaniſh Troops in Italy, was alſo lately taken by a Britiſh Man of War, and carried to the Iſland of Hieres.

The John and Mary, Capt. Hubbard, is arriv'd off Dover from Montſerrat, and brings Letters from thence, purporting that two Engliſh Privateers belonging to St. Kitt's had taken to the Southward of La Guerre a Spaniſh Caracca Ship of 400 Tons, laden with Cocoa, Hides, and Tallow, and ſome Money on board, the whole ſaid to be worth upwards of 100,000 l. and carried her to St. Kitt's.

Letters from the Leeward Iſlands import, that two large Spaniſh Privateers have been lately taken, and carried into St. Kitt's.

By Letters from Port-Mahon, dated the 10th of May, we have an Account, that an Engliſh Privateer, Capt. Smith, brought in there a Spaniſh Ship laden with Wine, Logwood and Cochineal, bound from the Canaries to Cadiz.

By a Letter from Capt. Taylor, of the Daking, dated from Mountſbay, and bound from Cheſter to London, we are inform'd, that he was chas'd by a Spaniſh Privateer, and got under the Cannon of Mountſbay; and that the Captain of a ſmall Sloop told him the ſame Privateer had taken two Ships. She is a Dogger built and rigg'd.

Letters from Plymouth, dated the 15th Inſtant, ſay that there are now at Sea 16 Sail of Privateers from Bilboa and Malaga, mounting from 14 to 34 Guns each, with a proportionable Number of Men, ſome of which have taken ſeveral Prizes.

By the ſame Letters we have Advice, that one of thoſe Privateers, call'd the St. Anthony, has taken the Glouceſter, Capt. Preſcott, bound from Leghorn to London, and carry'd her into Malaga.

Letters from Jamaica adviſe, that the Bridget, Morris, laden with Sugars, is taken by a Spaniſh Privateer, of 14 Carriage and 20 Swivel Guns, and carry'd into Porto Rico,

We have Advice that the Virgin, Sumner, bound from Barbadoes to Carolina, and the Hopeful, Beſt, from Boſton for Maryland, are both taken by a Spaniſh Privateer off the Capes of Virginia.

Letters from Barbadoes inform us, that the Eagle, Fleetwood, bound from thence to Jamaica, is taken by a Spaniſh Privateer, and carried into the Havanna.

Extract of a Letter from on board the Edinburgh, Captain Carlton, dated the 6th of March from Axim, on the Coaſt of Africa.

'Two Spaniſh Privateers are on the Coaſt, and 'have done conſiderable Damage, viz. Drove aſhore 'the Swallow, Hughs, of Liverpool; burnt the 'Cape Coaſt, Green, of Liverpool, and the Eagle, 'Wickam, of Rhode Iſland; taken the St. Iago, 'Gleen, the Queen of Hungary, Fox, and a Snow, 'all of London, the former is burnt, and the two 'latter are converted into Privateers; the Cocker, 'of Liverpool, is ſav'd by the Fort of Axim.

Extract of a Letter from Collingbourne in Wilts, June 16.

'We had Yeſterday ſeveral of the moſt terrible 'Flaſhes of Lightning that have been known in this 'County in the Memory of Man, which have done 'conſiderable Damage: A young Woman, who was 'Thiſtleing in a Field near this Town, was ſtruck 'dead and her Cloaths ſet on Fire; two of her Com-'panions, who were at a ſmall Diſtance, immediately ran to her Aſſiſtance, but, to their great 'Surprize found her Lifeleſs.'

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